

TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

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TO: Internal File

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FROM: Wayne Western

RE: Appendix XVI, Phase 3 Area Reclamation Plan (Sediment Pond), PacifiCorp, Des-Bee-Dove Mine, C/015/0017, Task ID #2176

SUMMARY:

The Permittee modify the reclamation plan for the Dee Bee Dove mine by submitting a Phase 3 reclamation plan for the sedimentation pond and road at the Des Bee Dove Mine. Phase 1 and 2 areas of the Des Bee Dove Mines reclamation were completed in 2002 and 2003. Grading and seeding at the pump house area were done in 2000. The sedimentation pond was left in place during this work to provide sediment control while these areas stabilized and vegetation became established. In addition to vegetation, extreme surface roughening in the form of deep pocking provides sediment control. This memo deals with the bonding issue only.

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TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

RECLAMATION PLAN

BONDING AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR Sec. 800; R645-301-800, et seq.

Analysis:

Determination of Bond Amount

The Permittee met the minimum requirements of this section of the regulations. The regulations require that the Permittee supply the Division with adequate information to determine the reclamation costs. The Division then determines the amount of the bond.

The Division determined that the reclamation costs for the Des Bee Dove Mine in the event of bond forfeiture is \$1,246,000 in 2008 dollars. The current bond amount is \$1,837,712. The bond amount is adequate to insure reclamation.

The Permittee did not request any bond release as part of the Phase 3 reclamation plan. Therefore, the Division will not grant any bond release at this time.

Findings:

The information in the amendment meets the minimum requirements of this section of the R645 – Rules.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Division should approve Phase III bond release.